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Fulbright May Turn Out to Be Right Again, Mr. President

IN RECENT MONTHS our respect for Sen. Fulbright of Arkansas has been growing. He is the one member of the Senate who decided to blow the whistle on military neo-babes and neo-babes.

His memorandum to the Defense Department kicked off a debate about the subject, resulting in the current hearing on the subject and a retreat of those extremists who had hoped to make a martyr out of Gen. Walker and an ex-senator out of Fulbright.

As chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee he opposed the abortive Cuban invasion.

Sen. Fulbright more recently joined the meager handful of senators who voted against the confirmation of John McCone as head of the Central Intelli-

gence Agency.

Sen. Fulbright made the point that needed to be made by a senator in his position as head of the Foreign Relations Committee. He pointed out that CIA "exerts a powerful influence on the character and conduct of our foreign relations."

He also pointed out that he was uncertain about McCone's foreign policy convictions, which, it seems would have been a thought that occurred to President Kennedy also.

The fact is that there is much about McCone's background that should give anyone deep concern before appointing him to such a sensitive and vital spot.

The President may find out, as he did in the Cuban situation, that he should have followed Fulbright's counsel or should have at least sought it.

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